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LB 256
LR 248

have, Mr. President. (Journal also shows amendments by Senator Wesely to LB 256. See pages 1079-81 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Proceeding then to General File, senator priority bill, LR 248CA, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 248CA is a constitutional amendment proposal by Senator Hall. It will propose an amendment to Article III, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska. The resolution was introduced on January 6 of this year. It was referred to the Government Committee for public hearing purposes. The resolution was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the resolution, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair of the Business and Labor Committee, Senator Tim Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, as the Clerk has stated for the record, LR 248CA is a provision that will be a change in Nebraska's Constitution that would change the word "electors", as it is in the Constitution, to "registered voters" with regard to initiative and referendum petitions. What that means is that the Constitution would then read, registered voters are those individuals who would be eligible to sign an initiative or a referendum petition. It basically brings the Nebraska Constitution in line with the statutes and it must be already very well understood by the body. Mr. President...

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Could we please have it quieter so we can hear the speaker.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: As I stated, LR 248CA is a provision that would bring the Constitution of the State of Nebraska with regard to the initiative and referendum petition process in line with the statutes as they are spelled out in 32-713 and their different requirements basically, if you look at them, the Constitution says electors. Elector is defined as someone who is of legal voting age and resides in the state. The issue of registered